In response to the Examiner's concerns, kindly amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Kindly amend the last paragraph on page 6 of the specification, which continues to the top of page 7, as follows:

> The present invention comprehends having a sufficient total cross-sectional area of treated substrates so that there is little or no pressure drop across the chamber between inlet and outlet. For example, the combined exhaust gas passage ways through all the catalytic canisters may be made at least equal to or greater than the total area of the exhaust conduit. Most preferably, the exhaust gas venting area through the canisters is slightly larger than the cross-sectional area of the stack to create little or no pressure drop through the chamber. As will be understood, the greater the total cross-sectional area of the exhaust gas passage ways the slower the passage of the exhaust gases through the substrates. This will permit a greater contact time between the catalytic surfaces and the exhaust gases thereby improving pollution control. Lastly, by avoiding a significant pressure drop, pollution control is achieved without affecting performance of the combustion source which could suffer if a significant back pressure occurred. As a result of a low pressure drop, the need for a seal **or sealing gasket** 24 is also reduced. However, it is still desirable to ensure that the exhaust gases pass through the catalytic converter canister elements to reduce pollution.

In the Drawings:

Revised drawings (Figures 7 - 9) are enclosed with the proposed addition of reference number 58 to Figures 8 and 9, and number 56 to Figure 9, for the Examiner's approval. These amendments are in response to the Examiner's objection that the reference is mentioned in the description on page 9, line 8.